

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-1026

May 15, 2001

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY  
Proposed Revision to Terms and Conditions  
(Residential Electricity Lifeline Program)

ORDER APPROVING  
MODIFICATION TO  
RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY  
LIFELINE PROGRAM

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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**I. SUMMARY.**

We approve the Revision to Terms and Conditions submitted by Central Maine Power Company (CMP) to modify the Residential Electricity Lifeline Program (ELP). The modification allows CMP to reduce the annual kWh consumption used to calculate the ELP benefit when there is significant and clearly distinguishable nonresidential use combined with the customer's residential use.

**II. DECISION.**

On December 20, 2000, CMP filed proposed terms and conditions to modify the ELP. The proposed modification would allow CMP to determine the amount of an ELP participant's residential use when residential and nonresidential use are combined on a single meter and allow CMP to re-calculate the ELP credit accordingly.

The Commission Staff reviewed the proposed Terms and Conditions and suggested several changes. On April 4, 2001, CMP filed the second draft of its proposed fifth revision to its Terms and Conditions. The April 4 filing contains changes that were suggested by the Commission Staff. The changes include clarification of the circumstances when the ELP will be recalculated, written notification to the customer of the results of the usage analysis, and an opportunity for the customer to dispute the results of the analysis.

The purpose of the Residential Electricity Lifeline Program is to provide assistance to residential customers in making the costs for electricity a more affordable share of their household income. We agree that significant and clearly distinguishable nonresidential consumption should not be included in the calculations to determine the customer's benefit. We therefore approve the modification to CMP's Residential Electricity Lifeline Program.

Accordingly, we

**ORDER**

That Terms and Conditions Page 33.1, Fifth Revision, and Page 33.3, Fourth Revision, submitted on April 4, 2001 by Central Maine Power Company, are hereby approved.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 15th day of May, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Nugent  
Diamond

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Welch

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